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METHOD, RECORDING LAYER
DISCRIMINATING APPARATUS, OPTICAL
DISK APPARATUS, INFORMATION
RECORDING MEDIUM FORMING
APPARATUS, INFORMATION
RECORDING MEDIUM FORMING
METHOD, INFORMATION DETECTING
METHOD, INFORMATION DETECTING
APPARATUS, AND INFORMATION
RECORDING MEDIUM APPARATUS

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT (IDS)

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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the references listed on the attached PTO/SB/08. It is respectfully requested that the information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that the references be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

This Information Disclosure Statement is filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits as far as is known to the undersigned (37 CFR 1.97(b)(3)).

The reference listed on the attached PTO/SB/08 form was first cited in a European Search Report dated July 30, 2008. A copy of the European Search Report is attached.

In accordance with 37 CFR 1.98(a)(2)(ii), Applicant has not submitted copies of U.S. patents and U.S. patent applications.


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It is submitted that the Information Disclosure Statement is in compliance with 37 CFR 1.98 and the Examiner is respectfully requested to consider the listed references.

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